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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were examined. All of these claims were rejected under the doctrine of double patenting of the obviousness type as unpatentable over applicant's prior patent no. 6,613,012 in view of US 4,999,885 – Lee, or in view of US 4,641,443 – Wilmes. The Examiner ruled that these rejections would be overcome by a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321(c). Accordingly, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are now allowable.

The Specification has been amended to update the status of parent application no. 09/971,179, and the Abstract has been amended to address the objection raised by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments and the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are now allowable, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Passage of the application to issue is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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